

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ross Hunt, Jr. on 9/6/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 39, line 4, "octagonal" has been changed to --orthogonal--;

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In claim ~~40~~, line 2, "meter" has been changed to --motor-- and on line3, "octagonal" has been changed to --orthogonal--.

NAJ
10-31-07

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: regarding claim 26, the prior art of record does not disclose a continuous passive motion apparatus with first, second, and third support members and a means for selectively providing pivoting between a first position wherein a user is supported in seated posture on the second support member and a second, horizontal position wherein a user is in a reclining posture on a body support unit.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."